GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EDUCATION TO TRIBAL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes introduced by the Union Government for providing good quality education to the tribal children in the country;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government for running these schemes during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote education among the tribal children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Human Resource and Development is the nodal Ministry for education in general. Ministry of Tribal Affairs only supplements the efforts of the Ministry of HRD. In so far as the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned, it is administering the scheme of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) with the objective of providing quality education to the tribal students. It was decided during 1997-98 to utilize a part of the funds under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India for setting up of 100 Model Residential Schools from Class VI to Class XII in different States.100 schools have been sanctioned to 24 States, and 79 are in operation. A statement indicating grants released by the Ministry to State Governments towards Eklavya Model Residential Schools during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 is enclosed. From the year 2007-08, no separate funds have been earmarked for EMRSs and the State Governments have been advised to accommodate their requirement for EMRSs within the amount released under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, as per the prescribed guidelines of the Ministry.

(c) : In order to promote education among tribal children, Ministry of Tribal Affairs also runs the following Schemes:

1) Scheme of Construction of Hostels for Girls and Boys.

2) Scheme of Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas.

3) Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to ST students.

4) Scheme of Upgradation of Merit.

5) Grants in-aid to Voluntary Organisations for Residential School, Non-Residential School and Hostel.

6) Scheme of Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for development of women literacy in tribal areas which has recently been revised and renamed as Strengthening education among ST girls in low literacy districts.